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## The Providence Online

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*Providence Online is a monthly electronic newsletter from the Office of the Providence District Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth and provides information and updates for Providence residents.*



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### The Mandate Review

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Unfunded mandates are important to Fairfax County because they compel the Board of Supervisors to divert local tax dollars to support federal and state programs rather than using tax dollars to support and expand local services and priorities. These unfunded mandates cost the county more in expenditures than revenue available to offset those costs.

Fairfax County expects to spend over \$1,193 million on federal and state mandates in FY 2006. Only \$533 million is recoverable through federal, state and user fee revenue, for an estimated net cost to the county to comply with mandates in FY 2006 of approximately \$660 million for all funds. This represents an estimated 8 % increase in county's cost to comply with federal and state mandates which has been consistently increasing over the last ten years. **If these mandates were fully funded and General Fund funding was not required, the Fairfax County real estate tax rate could be reduced by approximately 23 cents.**

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### 2006 Providence District VolunteerFest®

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Supervisor Smyth is pleased to host the 2006 Providence District VolunteerFest® and the National Make a Difference Day which celebrates extraordinary deeds performed by ordinary people on America's largest day of doing good. The day's event will showcase the spirit of volunteerism throughout Providence District.

If you would like to be on the planning committee for the Providence District VolunteerFest®, please contact Supervisor Smyth's office. More information is available on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/UpcomingEvents.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/UpcomingEvents.htm) or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711. ▪



### Providence Perspectives

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The Providence District Supervisor's office is putting together a work group consisting of residents and experts to bring to life a history project entitled **Providence Perspectives** through words and pictures. Supervisor Smyth welcomes the participation and suggestions of anyone interested in Providence history.

If you would like to be part of this work group, please contact the Providence District office at 703-560-6946, TTY 711. Project updates will be posted on the following county Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/projects/perspectives.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/projects/perspectives.htm). ▪

[Independence Day Holiday Schedule for Fairfax County](#)

## Fairfax County Services Available for Residents Affected By Severe Weather

The recent storms and flooding have forced numerous residents to evacuate their home, downed countless trees and caused thousands of power outages. Fairfax County officials are assessing the damage caused by the storm. Fairfax County has residents affected by the severe weather can access services available for affected residents

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## Connecting Your Home

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The communications industry is making significant technological advances that result in more choices for consumers. These new technological advances have enabled cable television and telephone companies to offer more than their traditional services. Consumers can now get cable TV, telephone and high-speed Internet from more than one provider. This "triple play" of cable TV, telephone and Internet services is provided by Comcast, Cox and Verizon and is available to Fairfax County residents. By ordering all three services from one provider residents can save money and consolidate bills.

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## Safety Tips for Flash Flooding

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If a flood is likely in your area, you should:

- Listen to the radio or television for information.
- Be aware that flash flooding can occur.
- Be aware of streams, drainage channels, canyons, and other areas known to flood suddenly. Flash flood can occur in these areas with or without such typical warnings as rain clouds or heavy rain.

If you must prepare to evacuate, you should:

- Secure your home. If you have time, bring in outdoor furniture. Move essential items to an upper floor.
- Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves if instructed. Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.

If you have to leave your home, remember these evacuation tips:

- Do not walk through moving water. Six inches of moving water can make you fall. If you have to walk in water, walk where the water is not moving. Use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you.

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Supervisor Smyth joins Chairman Connolly at the Idylwood Park Playground groundbreaking

## Transit Oriented Development Meeting

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The Fairfax County Planning commissioner's Transit-Oriented Development Committee will hold its next meeting on Thursday, July 6, from 7 to 10 p.m. in Rooms 2/3 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The committee's meeting on Wednesday, July 26, will include a presentation by Nat Bottigheimer, director, Planning and Project Development, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

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## News to Use

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The Office of Public Affairs is expanding the distribution of one of its most popular publications, "News to Use," which contains seasonal articles about programs and services in Fairfax County, such as public safety, recreation, child care and more.

In order to make this publication more widely available, it is now electronically available by subscribing through the following Public Affairs Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/n2u/htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/n2u/htm) or by calling 703-324-3187, TTY 711 for an alternate format. ▪

## Jamestown 2007

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Set sail for discovery in 2006 and 2007! The Fairfax County Park Authority invites you to explore the lives and times of people from Virginia's past 400 years. Step into their shoes as you listen to their music, travel their routes, learn of their survival skills and hear their stories. Their footprints will lead you to the "clues" they left behind in journals, objects and place names.

More information on *Set Sail to Discover* events is available on the following Park Authority Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/Jamestown2007](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/Jamestown2007) or by calling 703-324-8702, TTY 711. ▪

## 2006 Summer Entertainment Series

Free Summer Entertainment in the Parks! The Fairfax County Park Authority, in partnership with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and with generous contributions from local businesses and corporations, presents a summer-long calendar of shows, concerts and movies for you and your family. Bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the best in local and regional entertainment. Supervisor Linda Smyth invites residents to come and enjoy Nottoway Nights which takes place at Nottoway Park.

**Rain Cancellations: For last minute performance cancellations due to inclement weather, call 703/324-SHOW (7469) one (1) hour prior to the program start time.**

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## Bicycle Coordinator: A Smyth Initiative

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The Transportation Demand Management Smyth Initiative generated significant dialogue amongst bicycle advocates. While in dialogue with members of the Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling it was apparent that one component of an effective TDM program includes the utilization of bicycles as an alternate mode of transportation.

On September 12, 2005, Supervisor Smyth offered the Board of Supervisors a recommendation to ensure that bicycling is not overlooked as a transportation option and that a dedicated bicycle coordinator position be added to the global TDM Plan. The bicycle coordinator is tasked with ensuring that bicycling is considered in transportation planning and helping to develop bike trail networks throughout Fairfax County.

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Participants walk (first picture) to the Low Impact Development tour site to enjoy a presentation (second picture) of the Demonstrating Innovation LID Project located at the Providence District Supervisor's office and return to a panel discussion at the [Seventh Annual Providence District Environmental Workshop](#). ▪

## Must-Have Phone Numbers

Providence Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth

**Telephone: 703-560-6946 / Fax: 703-207-3541 / TTY: 711**

### General Fairfax County Information 703-FAIRFAX

Adult Protective Service 703-324-7450 ■ Child Protective Services 703-324-7400

Suicide Crisis Hotline: (703) 527-4077 ■ Rape Crisis Hotline: (703) 360-7273

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### Other Numbers

Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments 703-324-4891, TTY 711

Board of Zoning Appeals 703-324-1280, TTY 711

Clerk to the Board of Supervisors 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903, [clerktofos@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:clerktofos@fairfaxcounty.gov)

Clerk of the School Board 703-246-3646, TTY 711, [pam.goddard@fcps.edu](mailto:pam.goddard@fcps.edu)

Planning Commission 703-324-2865, TTY 711, [plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov)

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Adult Education	703-227-2200	Alcohol/drug abuse services	703-359-7040
Animal Shelter	703-830-1100	Child care	703-449-9555
Consumer Affairs	703-222-8435	Courts	703-691-7320
Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	800-435-5137	I-66 Disposal Sites	703-631-1179
Emergency	911	Fastran	703-222-9764
Fire/rescue (non-emergency)	703-691-2131	Gang Unit-Police	703-246-4548
Human Services	703-222-0880	Office for Women	703-324-5730
Park Authority	703-324-8700	Police (non-emergency)	703-691-2131
Tax Information	703-222-8234	Recreation Classes	703-324-5550
Recycling InfoLine	703-324-5052	School-Age Child Care Program	703-449-8989
School information	703-246-2502	Senior Citizen Information	703-324-5411
Traffic Tickets	703-246-3764	Trash Pick-up (County)	703-802-3322
VDOT	703-383-VDOT	Voting Information	703-222-0776

For any number listed here or elsewhere in TTY, please call 703-803-7914 TTY or the 703-222-0880 voice intake number.



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